

TIMELINE OF EVENTS: DNA MATCHES IN HOMICIDE CASES

1986 2 victims

- October 10, 1986 **Deborah L. Harris**
- October 11, 1986 **Tanya L. Miller**

9-year break in linked homicides

1995 3 victims

- April 24, 1995 **Florence McCormick**
- June 27, 1995 **Sheila Farrior**
- August 30, 1995 **Jessica Payne**

*** Jessica Payne's homicide does not fit the pattern of the others, although the suspect DNA was found on her person. We do not believe this suspect killed her, although we believe he had sex with her

2-year break in linked homicides

1997 1 victim

- June 20, 1997 **Joyce Mims**

10-year break in linked homicides

Late 1990s MPD submits DNA but there is no link. DNA testing has since improved; Task Force is created; Disbanded after leads exhausted over 10-year period.

2000 STR technology developed

2003 DNA on 2 victims resubmitted & linked

2007 1 victim

- April 27, 2007 **Ouithreaun C. Stokes**

2007 DNA on 2 victims connected (Stokes, 2007; Mims, 1997)

May 2009 DNA links to 7 victims; MPD/DA form Task Force

From 1986-2007, Milwaukee Police investigated 2,605 homicides; 42 were homicides of prostitutes; Average 78% clearance rate

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